In the Claims:

Replacement Claims in Clean Form

Please amend Claims 10 (second occurrence) through 15 as follows:

<u>11</u>[10]. (Amended)An election apparatus as claimed in Claim 10 wherein at least two of the data handling devices communicate information to one another over the Internet.

<u>12</u>[11]. (Amended)An election apparatus as claimed in Claim 10 wherein the data handling device that distributes ballots distributes a number of ballots from an inventory of ballots that has more members than there are registered voters.

<u>13</u>[12]. (Amended)An election apparatus as claimed in Claim 10 wherein the data handling device that distributes ballots distributes a ballot having a ballot number, and a matching pair made up of plain-text versions of ballot choices and encrypted versions of ballot choices.

<u>14</u>[13]. (Amended)An election apparatus as claimed in Claim <u>13</u>[12] wherein the encrypted version is encrypted using an encryption key unique to the ballot.

<u>15</u>[14]. (Amended)An election apparatus as claimed in Claim <u>13</u>[12] wherein the ballot choices include ballot choices in municipal and national elections.

<u>16</u>[15]. (Amended)An election apparatus as claimed in Claim 10 <u>wherein</u> the authenticator is protected by a firewall.

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Please add new claims 17-234 as follows:

--17. New Claim)An election apparatus as claimed in Claim 10 where any one of the registrar, the authenticator, the distributor, the counter, the matcher, and the verifier is protected by a firewall.----

--18. New Claim)An election system including:

    (a) a registrar including a registrar link for communication to at least permit a plurality of voters to obtain a unique voter ID;

    (b) a plurality of ballots for distribution to at least a portion of said plurality of voters, each ballot including a unique ballot ID and a list of plain data; and

    (c) a data reconciler including a data reconciler link for communication to at least said registrar.--

--19.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 18 further including a tally system having a tally system link for communication to at least said data reconciler.--

--20.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 19 further including a counter having a counter link for communication at least within said election system.--

--21.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 20 further including a ballot generator for generating said plurality of ballots.--

--22.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 21 wherein said ballot generator is secure ballot generator.--

--23.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 22 further including a matching pair generator for generating a matching pair corresponding said unique ballot ID and said corresponding list of plain data for each of said plurality of ballots.--

--24.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 22 further including a ballot encryption key generator for generating a plurality of ballot encryption keys corresponding to said plurality of ballots.--

--25.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 24 wherein said ballot encryption key generator is a ballot encryption key-decryption key pair generator.--

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--26.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 24 further including a ballot encryptor for encrypting said corresponding list of plain data for each of said plurality of ballots using said corresponding plurality of ballot encryption keys.--

--27.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 22 further including a ballot decryption key generator for generating a plurality of ballot decryption keys corresponding to said plurality of ballots to facilitate decryption thereof.--

--28.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 20 further including a ballot authenticator for authenticating cast ballots.--

--29.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 28 further including a tallier for tallying cast ballots.--

--30.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 29 further including a decryptor for decrypting cast ballots prior to tallying cast ballots.--

--31.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 20 further including a counter database having at least said unique ballot IDs of said plurality of ballots.--

--32.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 31 said counter database further including a decryption key corresponding to each of said unique ballot IDs of said plurality of ballots.--

--33.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 31 said counter database further including at least one of:

      (a)   said plurality of ballots;

      (b)   a matching pair corresponding to each of said unique ballot IDs; and

      (c)   an encryption key corresponding to each of
           said unique ballot IDs.--

--34.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 20 further including a counter key generator.--

--35.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 34 wherein said counter key generator is a public key-private key pair generator.--

--36.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 31 further including a counter database encryptor.--

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--37.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 36 wherein said counter database encryptor is an on the fly encryptor.--

--38.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 36 wherein said counter database encryptor uses public keys generated by a plurality of facilities of said election system to encrypt said counter database.--

--39.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 36 further including a counter database decryptor.--

--40.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 39 wherein said counter database decryptor is a partial decryptor.--

--41.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 19 further including a matcher having a matcher link for communication at least within said election system.--

--42.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 41 wherein said matcher link is for communication with said plurality of voters.--

--43.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 41 further including a matcher database having at least a matching pair corresponding to each of said unique ballot IDs of said plurality of ballots.--

--44.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 41 further including a matcher key generator.--

--45.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 44 wherein said matcher key generator is a public key-private key pair generator.--

--46.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 43 further including a matcher database encryptor.--

--47.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 46 wherein said c matcher database encryptor is an on the fly encryptor.--

--48.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 46 wherein said matcher database encryptor uses public keys generated by a plurality of facilities of said election system to encrypt said matcher database.--

--49.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 46 further including a matcher database decryptor.--

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--50.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 49 wherein said matcher database decryptor is a partial decryptor.--

--51.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 19 further including a distributor having a distributor link for communication at least within said election system.--

--52.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 51 wherein said distributor link is for communication with said plurality of voters.--

--53.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 52 further including a distributor database having at least said plurality of ballots.--

--54.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 51 further including a distributor key generator.--

--55.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 54 wherein said distributor key generator is a public key-private key pair generator.--

--56.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 53 further including a distributor database encryptor.--

--57.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 56 wherein said distributor database encryptor is an on the fly encryptor.--

--58.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 56 wherein said distributor database encryptor uses public keys generated by a plurality of facilities of said election system to encrypt said matcher database.--

--59.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 56 further including a distributor database decryptor.--

--60.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 59 wherein said distributor database decryptor is a partial decryptor.--

--61.(New Claim)An election system including:

(a) a registrar including a registrar link for communication to at least permit a plurality of voters to obtain a unique voter ID;

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(b) a plurality of ballots for distribution to at least a portion of said plurality of voters, each ballot including a unique ballot ID and a list of plain data;

(c) a plurality of authentication codes, an authentication code for use with a cast ballot of said plurality of ballots; and

(d) a data reconciler including a data reconciler link for communication to at least said registrar.--

--62.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 wherein said authentication code is provided by said data reconciler.--

--63.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 said plurality of ballots further including an encrypted version of said list of plain data.--

--64.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 wherein said authentication code is an encrypted version of said list of plain data.--

--65.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 64 wherein said encrypted version of said list of plain data is provided to a distributor for proving to said plurality of voters.--

--66.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 64 further including a plurality of matching pairs corresponding to an encrypted version of said list of plain data.--

--67.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 66 wherein said plurality of matching pairs is provided by said data reconciler.--

--68.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 67 wherein said plurality of matching pairs are provided to a matcher for distribution to said plurality of voters.--

--69.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 said registrar further including a voter identifier for determining the identity of said plurality of voters that have cast a vote.--

--70.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 said registrar further including a registrar database of said plurality of voters.--

--71.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 70 wherein said registrar database includes voter information.--

--72.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 71 wherein said voter information includes voter names.--

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--73.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 70 said registrar database further including unique voter IDs of said plurality of voters.--

--74.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 70 said registrar further including a registrar key generator.--

--75.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 74 wherein said registrar key generator is a public key-private key pair generator.--

--76.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 70 further including a registrar database encryptor.--

--77.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 76 wherein said registrar database encryptor is an on the fly encryptor.--

--78.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 76 wherein said registrar database encryptor uses public keys generated by a plurality of facilities of said election system to encrypt said registrar database.--

--79.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 76 further including a registrar database decryptor.--

--80.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 79 wherein said registrar database decryptor is a partial decryptor.--

--81.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 wherein said unique voter ID facilitates communication between a voter of said plurality of voters and said data reconciler.--

--82.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 wherein said unique voter ID facilitates communication between a voter of said plurality of voters and said registrar.--

--83.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 wherein said unique voter ID permits a voter of said plurality of voters to obtain a ballot of said plurality of ballots.--

--84.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 wherein said unique voter ID permits verifying that a voter of said plurality of voters cast a ballot of said plurality of ballots.--

--85.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 wherein said registrar link is bi-directional.--

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--86.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 wherein said registrar link is an Internet link.--

--87.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 said registrar further including a unique voter ID generator.--

--88.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 87 said unique voter ID generator further including a counter for determining the number of unique IDs generated.--

--89.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 wherein said registrar link facilitates providing said unique voter ID from said data reconciler to a voter.--

--90.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 wherein said registrar link facilitates providing a voter private key to a voter of said plurality of voters.--

--91.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 90 wherein said registrar passes said voter private key to said voter of said plurality of voters without keeping a copy of said voter private key.--

--92.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 further including an authenticator including an authenticator link for communication to at least said registrar.--

--93.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 92 further including a voter authenticator.--

--94.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 92 further including an authenticator database.--

--95.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 92 wherein said authenticator database includes a plurality of voter ID-decryption key pairs.--

--96.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 95 wherein said plurality of voter ID-decryption key pairs is a plurality of voter ID-voter public key pairs.--

--97.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 92 further including a voter key generator.--

--98.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 97 wherein said voter key generator is a voter decryption key generator.--

--99.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 98 wherein said voter decryption key generator is a voter public key-private key pair generator.--

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--100.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 92 said authenticator further including a authenticator key generator.--

--101.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 100 wherein said authenticator key generator is a public key-private key pair generator.--

--102.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 94 further including a authenticator database encryptor.--

--103.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 102 wherein said authenticator database encryptor is an on the fly encryptor.--

--104.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 102 wherein said authenticator database encryptor uses public keys generated by a plurality of facilities of said election system to encrypt said authenticator database.--

--105.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 102 further including a authenticator database decryptor.--

--106.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 105 wherein said authenticator database decryptor is a partial decryptor.--

--107.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 further including a verifier including a verifier link for communication at least within said election system.--

--108.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 107 further including a vote counter for counting cast ballots to verify a vote tally.--

--109.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 108 wherein said vote counter facilitates independently counting cast ballots to verify a vote tally.--

--110.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 108 further including a ballot decrytor for decrypting cast ballots to permit said vote counting of said vote tally.--

--111.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 107 further including a verifier database.--

--112.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 111 wherein said verifier database includes a plurality of ballot ID-decryption key pairs.--

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--113.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 112 wherein said plurality of ballot ID-decryption key pairs is a plurality of ballot ID-voter public key pairs.--

--114.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 107 said verifier further including a verifier key generator.--

--115.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 114 wherein said verifier key generator is a public key-private key pair generator.--

--116.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 111 further including a verifier database encryptor.--

--117.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 116 wherein said verifier database encryptor is an on the fly encryptor.--

--118.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 116 wherein said verifier database encryptor uses public keys generated by a plurality of facilities of said election system to encrypt said verifier database.--

--119.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 116 further including a verifier database decryptor.--

--120.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 119 wherein said verifier database decryptor is a partial decryptor.--

--121.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 61 wherein said data reconciler link permits communication with a voter of said plurality of voters.--

--122.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 121 wherein said communication with a voter of said plurality of voters is via an Internet link.--

--123.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 121 wherein said communication with a voter of said plurality of voters is via an Intranet link.--

--124.(New Claim)An election system including:

    (a) a registrar including a registrar link for communication to at least permit a plurality of voters to obtain a unique voter ID;

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(b) a plurality of ballots for distribution to at least a portion of said plurality of voters, each ballot including a unique ballot ID and a list of plain data;

(c) a plurality of authentication codes, an authentication code for use with a cast ballot of said plurality of ballots;

(d) a data reconciler including a data reconciler link for communication to at least said registrar; and

(e) a tally system having a tally system link for communication to at least said data reconciler.--

--125.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 further including a counter having a counter link for communication at least within said election system.--

--126.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 125 further including a ballot generator for generating said plurality of ballots.--

--127.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 126 wherein said ballot generator is secure ballot generator.--

--128.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 127 further including a matching pair generator for generating a matching pair corresponding said unique ballot ID and said corresponding list of plain data for each of said plurality of ballots.--

--129.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 127 further including a ballot encryption key generator for generating a plurality of ballot encryption keys corresponding to said plurality of ballots.--

--130.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 129 wherein said ballot encryption key generator is a ballot encryption key-decryption key pair generator.--

--131.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 129 further including a ballot encryptor for encrypting said corresponding list of plain data for each of said plurality of ballots using said corresponding plurality of ballot encryption keys.--

--132.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 127 further including a ballot decryption key generator for generating a plurality of ballot decryption keys corresponding to said plurality of ballots to facilitate decryption thereof.--

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--133.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 125 further including a ballot authenticator for authenticating cast ballots.--

--134.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 133 further including a tallier for tallying cast ballots.--

--135.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 134 further including a decryptor for decrypting cast ballots prior to tallying cast ballots.--

--136.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 125 further including a counter database having at least said unique ballot IDs of said plurality of ballots.--

--137.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 136 said counter database further including a decryption key corresponding to each of said unique ballot IDs of said plurality of ballots.--

--138.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 136 said counter database further including at least one of:

        (a)   said plurality of ballots;

        (b)   a matching pair corresponding to each of said unique ballot IDs; and

        (c)   an encryption key corresponding to each of said unique ballot IDs.--

--139.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 125 further including a counter key generator.--

--140.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 139 wherein said counter key generator is a public key-private key pair generator.--

--141.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 136 further including a counter database encryptor.--

--142.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 141 wherein said counter database encryptor is an on the fly encryptor.--

--143.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 141 wherein said counter database encryptor uses public keys generated by a plurality of facilities of said election system to encrypt said counter database.--

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--144.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 141 further including a counter database decryptor.--

--145.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 144 wherein said counter database decryptor is a partial decryptor.--

--146.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 further including a matcher having a matcher link for communication at least within said election system.--

--147.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 146 wherein said matcher link is for communication with said plurality of voters.--

--148.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 146 further including a matcher database having at least a matching pair corresponding to each of said unique ballot IDs of said plurality of ballots.--

--149.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 146 further including a matcher key generator.--

--150.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 149 wherein said matcher key generator is a public key-private key pair generator.--

--151.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 148 further including a matcher database encryptor.--

--152.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 151 wherein said c matcher database encryptor is an on the fly encryptor.--

--153.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 151 wherein said matcher database encryptor uses public keys generated by a plurality of facilities of said election system to encrypt said matcher database.--

--154.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 151 further including a matcher database decryptor.--

--155.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 154 wherein said matcher database decryptor is a partial decryptor.--

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--156.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 further including a distributor having a distributor link for communication at least within said election system.--

--157.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 156 wherein said distributor link is for communication with said plurality of voters.--

--158.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 157 further including a distributor database having at least said plurality of ballots.--

--159.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 156 further including a distributor key generator.--

--160.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 159 wherein said distributor key generator is a public key-private key pair generator.--

--161.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 158 further including a distributor database encryptor.--

--162.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 161 wherein said distributor database encryptor is an on the fly encryptor.--

--163.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 161 wherein said distributor database encryptor uses public keys generated by a plurality of facilities of said election system to encrypt said matcher database.--

--164.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 161 further including a distributor database decryptor.--

--165.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 164 wherein said distributor database decryptor is a partial decryptor.--

--166.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 wherein said authentication code is provided by said data reconciler.--

--167.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 said plurality of ballots further including an encrypted version of said list of plain data.--

--168.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 wherein said authentication code is an encrypted version of said list of plain data.--

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--169.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 168 wherein said encrypted version of said list of plain data is provided to a distributor for proving to said plurality of voters.--

--170.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 168 further including a plurality of matching pairs corresponding to an encrypted version of said list of plain data.--

--171.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 170 wherein said plurality of matching pairs is provided by said data reconciler.--

--172.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 171 wherein said plurality of matching pairs are provided to a matcher for distribution to said plurality of voters.--

--173.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 said registrar further including a voter identifier for determining the identity of said plurality of voters that have cast a vote.--

--174.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 said registrar further including a registrar database of said plurality of voters.--

--175.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 174 wherein said registrar database includes voter information.--

--176.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 175 wherein said voter information includes voter names.--

--177.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 174 said registrar database further including unique voter IDs of said plurality of voters.--

--178.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 174 said registrar further including a registrar key generator.--

--179.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 178 wherein said registrar key generator is a public key-private key pair generator.--

--180.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 174 further including a registrar database encryptor.--

--181.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 180 wherein said registrar database encryptor is an on the fly encryptor.--

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--182.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 180 wherein said registrar database encryptor uses public keys generated by a plurality of facilities of said election system to encrypt said registrar database.--

--183.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 180 further including a registrar database decryptor.--

--184.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 183 wherein said registrar database decryptor is a partial decryptor.--

--185.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 wherein said unique voter ID facilitates communication between a voter of said plurality of voters and said data reconciler.--

--186.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 wherein said unique voter ID facilitates communication between a voter of said plurality of voters and said registrar.--

--187.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 wherein said unique voter ID permits a voter of said plurality of voters to obtain a ballot of said plurality of ballots.--

--188.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 wherein said unique voter ID permits verifying that a voter of said plurality of voters cast a ballot of said plurality of ballots.--

--189.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 wherein said registrar link is bi-directional.--

--190.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 wherein said registrar link is an Internet link.--

--191.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 said registrar further including a unique voter ID generator.--

--192.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 191 said unique voter ID generator further including a counter for determining the number of unique IDs generated.--

--193.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 wherein said registrar link facilitates providing said unique voter ID from said data reconciler to a voter.--

--194.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 wherein said registrar link facilitates providing a voter private key to a voter of said plurality of voters.--

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--195.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 194 wherein said registrar passes said voter private key to said voter of said plurality of voters without keeping a copy of said voter private key.--

--196.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 further including an authenticator including an authenticator link for communication to at least said registrar.--

--197.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 196 further including a voter authenticator.--

--198.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 196 further including an authenticator database.--

--199.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 196 wherein said authenticator database includes a plurality of voter ID-decryption key pairs.--

--200.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 199 wherein said plurality of voter ID-decryption key pairs is a plurality of voter ID-voter public key pairs.--

--201.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 196 further including a voter key generator.--

--202.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 201 wherein said voter key generator is a voter decryption key generator.--

--203.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 202 wherein said voter decryption key generator is a voter public key-private key pair generator.--

--204.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 196 said authenticator further including a authenticator key generator.--

--205.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 204 wherein said authenticator key generator is a public key-private key pair generator.--

--206.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 198 further including a authenticator database encryptor.--

--207.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 206 wherein said authenticator database encryptor is an on the fly encryptor.--

--208.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 206 wherein said authenticator database encryptor uses public keys generated by a plurality of facilities of said election system to encrypt said authenticator database.--

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--209.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 206 further including a authenticator database decryptor.--

--210.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 209 wherein said authenticator database decryptor is a partial decryptor.--

--211.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 further including a verifier including a verifier link for communication at least within said election system.--

--212.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 211 further including a vote counter for counting cast ballots to verify a vote tally.--

--213.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 212 wherein said vote counter facilitates independently counting cast ballots to verify a vote tally.--

--214.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 212 further including a ballot decrytor for decrypting cast ballots to permit said vote counting of said vote tally.--

--215.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 211 further including a verifier database.--

--216.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 215 wherein said verifier database includes a plurality of ballot ID-decryption key pairs.--

--217.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 216 wherein said plurality of ballot ID-decryption key pairs is a plurality of ballot ID-voter public key pairs.--

--218.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 211 said verifier further including a verifier key generator.--

--219.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 218 wherein said verifier key generator is a public key-private key pair generator.--

--220.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 215 further including a verifier database encryptor.--

--221.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 220 wherein said verifier database encryptor is an on the fly encryptor.--

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--222.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 220 wherein said verifier database encryptor uses public keys generated by a plurality of facilities of said election system to encrypt said verifier database.--

--223.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 220 further including a verifier database decryptor.--

--224.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 223 wherein said verifier database decryptor is a partial decryptor.--

--225.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 124 wherein said data reconciler link permits communication with a voter of said plurality of voters.--

--226.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 225 wherein said communication with a voter of said plurality of voters is via an Internet link.--

--227.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 225 wherein said communication with a voter of said plurality of voters is via an Intranet link.--

--228.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 225 wherein said communication with a voter of said plurality of voters is direct.--

--229.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 225 wherein said communication with a voter of said plurality of voters is indirect.--

--230.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 121 wherein said communication with a voter of said plurality of voters is direct.--

--231.(New Claim)The election system according to Claim 121 wherein said communication with a voter of said plurality of voters is indirect.--

--232.(New Claim)An election method including:

(a)   registering a plurality of voters by providing each a unique voter ID;

(b)   distributing to at least a portion of said plurality of voters a ballot including a unique ballot ID and a list of plain data; and

(c)   (c)   reconciling a cast ballot of said plurality of ballots.--

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